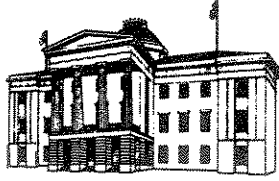


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.146 ABNORMAL MARKET DISRUPTION

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, on September 10, 2008, declared a pre-land fall declaration of State of Emergency due to the conditions created by Hurricane Ike;

WHEREAS, preparations for Hurricane Ike may cause a disruption in the production and delivery of petroleum products, including gasoline; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that abnormal market disruptions to the production, distribution, or sale of goods and services in North Carolina have occurred pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 75-38(e).

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**:

- (1) Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 75-38, an abnormal market disruption exists as a result of the conditions of Hurricane Ike.
- (2) The execution of this Executive Order triggers the enforcement of N.C.G.S. § 75-38, "Prohibit excessive pricing during states of disaster, states of emergency, or abnormal disruptions." The investigation and enforcement of this statute is hereby vested in the Attorney General of North Carolina.

This Executive Order is effective immediately and remains in effect for 45 days.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael F. Easley".

Michael F. Easley
Governor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elaine F. Marshall".

Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State